

Conferences, Farmers - 1937

Selma, Ala. Times
January 8, 1937

Negro Farmers Will Hold Meeting Here

Negro farmers of Dallas County will gather at the Selma University Friday for their annual conference, which will open at 10 a. m. The program will center on the farm program for 1937, reports being heard from beat committeemen on the annual membership drive of the Colored Farm Bureau. These workers are trying to double the present membership of 500 by the conference date. S. W. Boynton, colored county agent, and L. M. Upshaw, home demonstration agent, are urging large representations from the 38 community clubs.

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Conference Held By Negro Farmers Here

The annual Farmer's Conference for colored farmers of Dallas county, at its one day session held today at the Selma University, was largely attended by both men and women who are engaged in home demonstration work, farming and livestock raising.

The program of the morning session centered on the subject, "Growing Livestock on Dallas County Farms." Statements were first heard from many farmers that they are raising their own workstock. The farm program, as being carried forward during 1937 by colored farm agents and others in the county, in regard to growing livestock, was discussed at length.

Two speakers, John Blake, Dallas County's Farm Agent, and A. C. Allen, in charge of the cotton offices, explained the "Soil Conservation Program" for 1937. Many helpful suggestions were given the large number during the morning and afternoon sessions by the two county farm leaders.

Herbert Kahn, president of the Dallas County Colored Farm Bureau, presided over the meeting. S. W. Boynton is the county farm agent for colored.

The afternoon session was devoted to discussions and reports from various clubs composing the

colored home demonstration coun-realized a profit of \$402.52 from to get some money to aid you in your cil. An outline of activities to be the sale of farm products during farming this year. carried forward among colored last year. This group canned 4,279 quarts of meat, fruit and women and girls during 1937 un-279 quarts of meat, fruit and der the supervision of L. M. Upshaw, home demonstration agent, made 73 gallons of shaw, county demonstration agent, soap, remodeled 43 pieces of furniture, quilted 305 quilts and made eight bedspreads. They killed 11,252 pounds of meat, made 5,948 pounds of lard and 196 pounds of sausage.

Selma, Ala. Times
January 10, 1937

Opportunity To Buy Farm Lands Urged By Negro Farmers

At its closing session Friday afternoon at the Selma University, the annual Dallas County Negro Farmers' Conference made a number of important recommendations, chief among them one expressing the hope that the President's Farm Tenancy Conference will consider among other things, the problems of land buying, low price credits and adequate supervision of Farm Tenancy Projects.

Centering its attention on farm and home ownership and more efficient crop production, the Conference recommended a greater opportunity to buy good farm land in family size tracts, a longer time for payment and lower interest rates, and an improvement in the farmers' homes, schools, churches and other community activities. A

continuation of the "Live At Home Program", with the needs of the farm family and livestock given first consideration, was recommended, with the hope that the increase price of cotton will not serve as a temptation to the farmer to neglect making provision for his home and farm needs.

Soil conservation, better livestock, increased farm organization, a greater use of federal agencies such as the extension service, vocational agriculture and home economics, and rural leadership also came under the recommendations passed by the negro farmers.

In closing, the Conference expressed appreciation of the growing interest which is being manifested by white people throughout the South in negro land ownership and education.

One of the most interesting reports made before the conference was that of Ovetta Harrison, secretary of the Orrville District club, who stated that club members

The Orrville club also contributed \$88.75 toward the fund being raised to build a Colored Community House here in Selma.

Selma, Ala. Times
February 7, 1937

Negro Farmers Join Conservation Agenda

Negro farmers of Dallas County joined in the county-wide drive for Soil Conservation when some 600 who were present at a meeting held Saturday morning at the Selma University pledged themselves to the program for 1937. A. C. Allen, of the Cotton Control office, and J. L. Edwards, chairman of the State Committee, addressed the large group of negro farmers, explaining the necessary requirements the farmer must meet to receive full benefits in the Soil Conservation program.

S. W. Boynton, colored farm agent, stated that the farmers will begin their terracing program in their communities by organizing themselves into community groups and cooperating with teams and equipment to build terraces. A. M. Foster, vocational agricultural teacher at Beloit, talked to the group on training the boys on the farm to meet present-day problems. L. M. Upshaw, home demonstration agent, stressed the value of the men cooperating with their wives in home improvement.

Evergreen, Ala. Courier
February 1, 1937

FARMER'S CONFERENCE FOR COLORED TO BE HELD FEB. 12

We will hold our Farmer's Conference at the County Training School, Friday, February 12, 1937. The aim of this meeting is to determine, what to do, how to do it and when to do it to obtain the best results from your farm in 1937. And you will learn how

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to get some money to aid you in your farming this year.

Welcome, Principal, C. A. Jackson. Keeping Soils Productive, P. A. Gray.

The Farm Bureau and What It Means to the Negro, T. P. Whitten.

Group Discussion & the Problems of Farm Youth, V. C. Turner.

Song, School.

Economics of Soil Conservation, J. W. Randolph.

The Needs of Our Rural Homemakers Lives, B. T. Pompey.

The Resettlement Program & What It Means to the Negro.

The Place of Health in the Resettlement Program, Dr. E. L. Kelly.

Round-Table Discussion "Safe Farming Program, The Farmers.

Remarks, Supt. H. D. Weathers. Benediction.

If you want to raise your standard of living, if you want to get a bigger income from your farm this year, if you want to make your community please be at the County Training School, 10:00 A. M., Friday, February 12, 1937.

J. B. Jordan, Co. Agent. Farmers' Conference Committee: Will Stallworth, Miss Eva L. Garrison, R. L. Philyaw, H. Rankins, C. A. Jackson, P. A. Gray.

Albany-Denver, Ala. Daily
February 6, 1937

NEGRO FARMERS IN ANNUAL MEETING

The thirteenth annual negro farmers' conference for Morgan county will be held Thursday, February 11, at Morgan county training school, Hartselle, where a tentative farm program for 1937 will be discussed.

The general theme will be "Diversified Farm Enterprises," and large groups of farmers from all parts of the county are expected to be present.

Farm leaders from Tuskegee Institute are expected to come to Hartselle and lead the discussions in forming a sound program of work for the year.

The program begins at 10:00 a. m., and everybody was urged to be on hand for the opening exercises.

Selma, Ala. Times
February 16, 1937

Negro Farmers Of Marengo To Meet

LINDEN, Ala., Feb. 16—Making Farming a Business will be the theme of the Annual Negro Farmers' Conference which will be held at the auditorium of the Marengo County Training School, Thomasson, Friday, Feb. 18. The morning period will be consumed by inspecting the exhibits, a general discussion of field crops, livestock, and poultry; remarks by vocational teacher L. L. Brewer; farm agent, W. B. Hill; and Dr. J. Meyer, Birmingham. After lunch, a musical program will be followed by an address by N. Killock, state agent, Tuskegee Institute, on Live at Home Program; Messrs C. C. Pritchett, President of the Planters Bank and Trust Co., Thomaston; Geo. M. Watson of Linden, county superintendent of education M. E. Scott, of Linden, president of the First National Bank; and R. D. Winch, of Linden, county agent, will speak at 6:30 a picture show will be enjoyed, and at 7 o'clock, the High School Dramatic Club will present a comedy drama, "Four and Mine. A representative from the county health unit will have a part on the program. The program will close with awarding of prizes.

SELMA, ALA. TIMES-JOURNAL
FEB. 16, 1937 F19

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HUNTSVILLE, ALA., TIMES
FEB. 15, 1937 F19

FARMER MEET DRAWS CROWD

Conference At A. & M
Normal Stresses Com-
munity Resources

Stressing the central theme, "Development and Conservation of Community Resources", the 28th North Alabama Farmers' Conference held at Normal Friday, drew a record crowd.

The morning session emphasized community resources through departmental demonstrations in the following groups: Farmers, women, youth, vocational and business, teachers, health workers, principals and ministers. Appropriate exhibits were used for demonstration purposes in the various groups.

An interesting exhibit of farm products, emphasizing "Steps to Recovery," was displayed in Bibb Graves auditorium. Home-cured meats, vegetables, eggs, canned fruits and vegetables, milk and selected samples of seed corn added to the attractiveness of the exhibit. Of special interest were samples of canned wild meats and fish brought to the conference by an ex-student of the State A. & M. Institute, now living in an adjoining county.

Eight hundred persons assembled in the auditorium at 2 p.m. for the general session, where music was provided through group singing of spirituals, and by two numbers from the male glee club of the college. Brief addresses were made by the health nurse, Mary Williams of Tuskegee Institute, R. A. Mundy, poultry specialist of Tuskegee Institute, N. Kollock, state extension agent, and by President J. F. Drake.

The Conference was planned and conducted by a joint committee of

faculty members of the school, with S. A. Haley as chairman, and county extension workers, W. T. Gravitt and T. E. Dick. Dadeville, Ala., Record

March 11, 1937

TALLAPOOSA COUNTY NEGRO CONFERENCE

565 farmers and visitors attended the 10th Annual Tallapoosa County Negro Farmers' Conference and ham show in the County Training school at Camp Hill, February 26, 1937. 68 hams were exhibited from different communities. Other exhibits of farm crops and home necessities were, lard, syrup, peas, corn, sweet potatoes, canned goods and handicraft for women and girls.

Among the distinguished visitors were, Mr. J. R. Otis, director of agriculture Tuskegee Institute, Miss L. C. Hanna, State agent for Negro women, Tuskegee Institute,

Miss J. L. Dent, rural nurse, Tuskegee Institute, Mr. V. C. Turner, State 4-H club agent, Tuskegee Institute, Mrs. Bessie C. Smith, rural school supervisor, for Tallapoosa County, Mr. J. E. Joiner, county agent, Chambers County, Miss L. M. Austin, home demonstration agent, Chambers County, Mr. F. N. Farrington, county agent (white), Tallapoosa County and Mr. Jack Nolen, director of relief work, for Tallapoosa County.

The following white citizens of Dadeville, contributed to the success of the conference by giving donations in cash, produce and merchandise which made it possible for prizes to be awarded to club members who have cooperated so well with the agents in carrying out the county extension program of work. Dr. Lucian Newman, Dr. J. T. Banks, Berkstresser Brothers, Mr. T. K. Jones, The Fair Store, Craddock Hardware, W. W. Hicks, Bank of Dadeville, C. E. Sanford, A. L. Brewer, Willis Cash Store, Greer & Owen, Mr. Thorton, Murray Furniture Co., 10 Cent Store, Acree Brothers & Sheeley, Mr. Harry Hicks, Thompson's Filling Station, Mr. C. E. White.

On the 12th day of February, 1927 the first Negro Farmers

Conference and Ham Show ever held in the county was convened in the M. E. Church in Dadeville, it being the most convenient place for such a meeting at that time.

Then there were only three community organizations represented in the conference and ham show with 25 hams, shoulders and middlings on exhibition. The fundamental idea of creating the practice of giving these annual ham shows was then and is now to stimulate meat production among Negro farmers in Tallapoosa County sufficient for a years supply to reach family and to have a surplus to sell as a means of getting a little cash.

How well we have succeeded in establishing the practice among club members may be seen annually at the farmers' conference and ham show.

Columbiana, Ala., Democrat
March 18, 1937

NEGRO FARMERS TO HOLD CONFERENCE MARCH 26-27

The Negro farmers and home makers of Shelby County will hold a conference here March 26-27. It is hoped by the leaders that this gathering will be of practical value to those attending. Most of the period will be given over to actual instruction in the better methods of farming and domestic service. There will be however, discussions and addresses on increasing the attractiveness of rural life. The rural ministers of the County will discuss how the church could be a vital force in rural reform.

Fred Douglass Andrews, who is calling the conference, states that the sessions will be held at the County Training School. Some of those who will make contributions are: H. Councill Trenholm, president of State Teachers College at Montgomery; Zelia V. Stephens, supervisor of Negro schools in Shelby County; J. H. Campbell, principal of Shelby County Training School; J. R. Otis, head of the Agriculture Department, Tuskegee Institute; R. C. Mixon, Moderator of Shelby Springs Baptist Association.

There will also be contributions from Miss Mary Elizabeth Nolen, Home Demonstration Agent, Shelby County; Mr. A. A. Lauderdale, Farm Agent, Shelby County; Miss Nell Davidson, County Health Nurse Shelby County; Dr. Hugh Nickson, County Health Officer; Mr. J. L. Appleton, County Superintendent of Education.

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Florida

Tampa, Fla. Tribune
September 5, 1937

Aid For Negro Farmers

Recently the Florida Farmers' Cooperative Association, an organization of negro farmers, with headquarters at the Agricultural and Mechanical College, Tallahassee, sponsored the first of what is hoped to be a series of Farm and Home Institutes, at which state and federal specialists gave valuable instruction and information to these industrious tillers of the soil.

The Institute was held at Fessenden Academy, Marion county, a private educational institution maintained by the American Missionary Association of New York, for the training of negro youth.

Negro farmers and housewives attended the Institute and received helpful advice which will enable them to better their farm products and their home life. This movement is highly commendable and the Institute should be held annually.

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Ft. Valley, Ga., Leader-Tribune
January 7, 1937

Negro Farmers to Meet January 13

The Negro farmers and farm wives will meet in the Peach county court house Wednesday, Jan. 13th, at 10 o'clock. Mr. Chas. B. Ingram, white county farm agent, O. S. O'Neal and M. L. Toomer, Negro farm and home agents, will discuss with these farmers the trend in agricultural affairs and home economics for the coming year.

All Negro farmers are urged to attend this important meeting.

O. S. O'NEAL.

Augusta, Ga. Herald

January 13, 1937

FARMERS CONFERENCE TO CONVELE HERE, FEB. 11, 12

Plans have been made for the annual Farmers' Conference of this section of Georgia and South Carolina, to be held here, at Walker Institute, February 11, 12. A meeting of executives and friends of the conference to further the plans for the meet, has been called by the conference president, Rev. W. D. Morman, for Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock, at Walker Institute. The Farmers' Conference, which is held here yearly, is sponsored by the Walker Association, and efforts are being made by leaders to make this year's session the most successful coming together of agriculturists in this section held in many years.

It is stated that such farming experts as Prof. Alva Tabor, Dr. H. A. Hunt of Fort Valley, and the head of the agriculture department of Georgia State Industrial College, Savannah, have signified their intentions of attending and addressing the day meeting.

Eastman, Ga. Advertiser

January 21, 1937

FARMERS TO HOLD MEETING JAN. 27TH

There will be one of the largest gatherings of Negro Farmers at the Court House, on January 27th, 1937, that was ever held. Club members all over the county will meet in their first annual farmers' Conference. Several main speakers will be here that day and leaders in Agriculture from the State Extension Service will be present. Each farmer is urged to be here to get some idea of how to plan this year's Crop-

ping plans. Outlook talk by P. as, Negro agricultural agent, with H. Stone, State Agent for Negro Work, is going to be the main feature of the day. The Negro Agent is putting on a ham show also that day on the lawn of the Court House. Each farmer is asked to put a ham on exhibit and try to win first prize. As far as we know now all county teachers will be there to help take the information back to their respective communities. All of the ministers are invited. Talks from Mrs. K. J. Carswell, Home Agent, on the Live-at-Home Program; Mr. Mauldin County Agent, on the Soil Conservation Program; and other Extension Workers in Dodge County. B. J. Gordon will speak on the first cannery for Negroes in Dodge County. County Supt. W. L. Bowen will speak that day and everybody is asked to hear him, there might be some things that the Superintendent would like to put before us, relative to our schools.

Tell everyone about this Conference. Since this is our first Conference, let's make it a big one. Let's make it the largest gathernig ever held in Dodge County. The local Extension Workers are the judges for the Ham Show, with Mrs. K. J. Carswell being chairman of the committee. The meeting will begin at 11 o'clock.

EMERY C. THOMAS,
Negro Agricultural Agent
Eastman, Ga., Times-Journal
January 21, 1937

CONFERENCE OF NEGRO FARMERS ON JANUARY 29

HAM SHOW ON LAWN OF THE COURT HOUSE IN WHICH FOUR PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED

A conference of Negro farmers of Dodge county will be held at the court house in Eastman at 10 o'clock, a. m., January 29, under the supervision of Emery C. Thom-

as, Negro agricultural agent, with H. G. Burton master of ceremonies. A ham show will be staged on the court house lawn in connection with the conference, in which four prizes will be awarded for the best hams on display. The following program will be rendered:

Song—Audience.
Invocation—Rev. Dr. U. S. Johnson.
Negro Spiritual—Audience.
Cannery Progress—President B. J. Gordon.
Outlook for 1937 Farming—Mr. H. A. Mauldin, County Agent.
Live at Home Program—Mrs. K. J. Carswell, Home Agent.
Negro Spiritual—Audience.
Talk—Prof. W. L. Bowen, Superintendent.
Introduction of Speaker—Emery C. Thomas, County Agent.
Address—P. H. Stone, State Agent Negro Work.
Spiritual—Audience.
Remarks—Dr. Johnson and others.
Awarding of Prizes.

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Eastman, Ga., Times-Journal
February 4, 1937

Dodge Negroes Have Farmers' Conference

One of the largest gatherings ever held in Dodge county for Negro farmers was held at the Dodge County court house in Eastman Friday, January 29. It was the first Farmers Conference to be held.

Speeches coming from various agricultural leaders and farmers made the meeting a very fine one. Outlook for farming was told by State Agent P. H. Stone. 4-H Club work message was brought by Negro State 4-H Club Leader, Alexander Hurst. A Live-at-Home program was discussed very vividly by Mrs. Kathleen Carswell, Home Demonstration Agent for Dodge county. A very helpful talk coming from Mr. W. L. Bowen, Dodge County School Superintendent, was a main feature of the program. He brought to the conference the value of living at home. Having been a dirt farmer himself, he knew the value of making what one needs at home and letting the cash crop be a surplus.

A ham show was staged by various clubs of the county. Due to unfavorable weather conditions in the hog-killing season, there were very few hams on display. It is thought that the interest shown in the conference this year will encourage every one to look forward to better conferences in the future. Mr. Clarence Rawlins, representing the Soil Conservation Program, gave information on the soil conservation subject as far as it is known at this time.

Special thanks and appreciation are extended the following business men of Eastman and Dodge county for their contributions for prize money in the ham show: Mr. L. P. Skinner, Mr. W. L. Jessup, Mr. W. J. Daniel and Mr. A. T. Coffee.

"Gentlemen: I hope that we will not prove ourselves ingrates when

we begin to reap the harvest this contribution has helped us sow. I am grateful to each of you for your support in helping to make this movement a success among Negro farmers in Dodge county.

"Thanking you very kindly, I am,

"EMERY C. THOMAS,
"Negro Agri'l Agent.

Macon, Ga., News
February 5, 1937

Agricultural Program for Year to Be Worked Out at Meeting in Lanier

The 1937 agricultural program will be discussed and changes from the 1936 program will be explained when Bibb county farmers meet at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning at the Hotel Lanier.

The meeting is one of a series arranged for this area by D. F. Bruce, agricultural agent for Bibb and Monroe counties.

Negroes to Meet

Tuesday afternoon Negro farmers will meet at the Holley Grove church and on Thursday afternoon another group will meet at Swift Creek church to learn of the changes.

"A better balanced system, which will be more profitable for the farmer and safer for the nation, is the aim of the 1937 agricultural conservation program," Mr. Bruce said.

Augusta, Ga., Herald
February 7, 1937

MANY FARMERS EXPECTED TO ATTEND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

It is expected that many farmers of this section of Georgia and South Carolina will attend the annual Farmers Conference here next Thursday and Friday, at Walker Baptist Institute. The conference program, it is said, will be one of the best in a number of years, with local and other outstanding leaders taking part. The convocation, operated for many years under the auspices of the Walker Baptist Association, has for its purposes the training, encouragement, and to better educate the farmers and other rural residents in modern farming methods. The meeting, however, is not confined to the farmers, but the sessions will be opened to the general public, offering a rare opportunity to everybody to hear the lectures and general discussions.

Government action to aid tenants without delay was urged by J. R. Butler, president of the Southern Tenant Farmers Union, at a farm tenancy hearing at Dallas, Texas, the other day, in connection with President Roosevelt's committee of farm tenancy. Butler and other members of the union pointed out the large

proportion of tenants in the Southern states, suggesting that land be purchased by the government and sold to the tenant without profit. A graduated land tax, federal loans and exemption of homesteads from taxation was also suggested by T. W. Cheek, president of the Farmers Union of Oklahoma. Less liberal suggestions to relieve the tenant situation included tax relief, crop rotation, and provision of money at low interest rates.

With the presence of several leading farm experts at the Farmers Conference here this week, most of whom are well acquainted with the government's farm program, many of these questions will, no doubt, be made plain to those attending.

Crawfordville, Ga., Democrat
February 26, 1937

NEGRO FARMERS TO MEET HERE THURSDAY

According to announcement made by C. L. Tapley, negro farm agent, the annual farmers' conference for negroes will be held at Crawfordville on Thursday, March 11, at eleven o'clock.

Among the topics to be discussed at this meeting are:

"Farm and Home Planning" "The Soil Conservation Program for 1937." "The Live-at-Home Program for Taliaferro County." "Farm Loans." "4-H Club Work" and "The Farm Out-Look for 1937." These discussions will be led by P. H. Stone, State Agent for Negro Work, C. O. Brown, County Agent, Milledgeville, Alexander Hurse, Negro State Club Agent, Miles Hackney, County Chairman of Negro farmers and Mr. W. P. Collier, local county agent.

Every negro farmer in the county is urged to be present.

Greensboro, Ga., Herald-Journal
February 26, 1937

NEGRO FARMERS IN ANNUAL MEETING

According to announcement made by C. L. Tapley, Negro Farm agent, the annual Negro Farmers conference and Outlook meeting will be

held on Friday, March 12 at Greensboro, starting at 11 o'clock.

Among the topics to be discussed are: The Farm Outlook for 1937; Farm and Home Planning, A Live-at-Home Program for Greene County; Farm Loans, The Soil Conservation Program for 1937 and 4-H Club work.

These discussions will be led by P. H. Stone, state agent for Negro Work; C. O. Brown, county agent, Milledgeville, Mr. Francis Bowen, county agent, Mr. Claude Bowers, Farm Supervisor and Alexander Hurse, Negro State Club agent.

This is a special county wide meeting for Negro farmers and everyone is urged to be present.

Savannah, Ga., News
April 4, 1937

COLORED FARMERS TALK OF THEIR CROPS Interested In the Growing of Sea Island Cotton

At a meeting held yesterday at the First African Baptist Church a representative group of thirty-two colored farmers discussed the growing of sea island cotton and studied work sheets to be filled out in keeping with a soil conservation program.

Every farmer was urged by Benjamin S. Adams, county agent, to plant one or more legume crops in keeping with this program to aid soil fertility. A few demonstrations in sea island cotton have been established in the county with small acreage where the men have agreed to carry out modern practices in poisoning the cotton for the boll weevil, planting early, and fertilizing well.

Cotton, as one of their cash crops, along with one or more acres of Irish potatoes, one or more acres of cabbage planted two or three times during the year, with an acreage in corn sufficient to produce enough corn to take care of the live stock and family's needs on the farm, was the agent's advice. With a few hogs to cure meat for home consumption, a good flock of poultry and a good milk cow there is no reason why a farmer cannot live well from the farm, said the agent.

The marketing of vegetables was discussed and it was agreed that in order for a farmer to meet the present-day competition, he must learn to produce quality products and be able to make them into desirable packages. During May at the peak of the vegetable growing season some field meetings will be held with farmers to give further information in growing these crops.

Sam Steele, of Monteith community, is president of the farmers' organization. Another meeting will be held on the first Saturday in May.

Macon, Ga., Telegraph
April 4, 1937

NEGRO FARMERS TO MEET MONDAY

Soil Building Demonstration to Be Held at Woolfolk Farm Near Rutland

A soil building demonstration session for Negroes will be held at 1 a.m. tomorrow, at the farm of R. L. Woolfolk near Rutland station. S. H. Lee, Bibb county Negro farm agent, said yesterday. Over 125 are expected to attend. They will meet at the Terminal station at 10 a.m. and drive to Rutland in a body.

Out-of-town white visitors expected to attend are Dr. Lewis W. Erdman, legume authority of Milwaukee, Wis.; E. D. Alexander, field crop specialist of the Athens farm extension office; E. S. Center, Jr., agricultural agent of the Georgia railroad, and two of his associates, H. E. Woodruff and F. H. Crotzer. Negro agents expected are P. H. Stone and Alexander Hurse, state supervisors of Negro extension work.

Others Are Invited

White citizens who have accepted invitations include D. F. Bruce, Bibb county agricultural agent; Walter P. Jones, superintendent of Bibb county schools; Troy Raines, chairman of the Bibb county commission; W. T. Anderson, editor of The Telegraph; Lee Trimble, manager of the Macon Chamber of Commerce; Dr. W. G. Lee, Rad Turner, and E. W. Stetson, Jr., Macon bankers, and J. W. Denson, and Harry Stewart, local business men.

The state extension office will make a movie of the proceedings, from the plowing under of a crop of Austrian winter peas, expected to yield a 10-ton growth per acre to the barbecue, which will close the program, it was announced.

Nation's Farmers To Meet At State Teachers' College

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FORSYTHE, a., GSept. 30—President W. M. Hubbard of the State Teachers' and Agricultural College located here, announced this week that extensive preparations are being made to entertain delegates to the Seventh annual convention of the National Federation of Negro Farmers which meets here October 28 to 30.

Leon P. Harris of Moline, Ill., president of the Federation, and James P. Davis, the founder, are planning a novel program to show the agricultural progress of the Negro. Special space has been allotted for exhibits from various sections of the country, and valuable prizes will be awarded for the best specimens of cotton, corn, handicraft, potatoes, etc. Organized in 1923, the Federation now has membership in 21 States, includes as members some of the nation's outstanding Negro farmers. The 1936 convention was held at Charleston Mission, attracted more than 1,800 farmers as enrolled delegates.

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Mississippi.

Brookhaven, Miss. Leader

January 16, 1937

Utica Institute Negro Farmers' Conference.

The thirty Second Annual Negro Farmers Conference has just closed at Utica Institute, Mississippi's Pioneers Industrial School. More than five hundred horny handed sons of toil gathered to exchange ideas on how to get forward on the soil.

Committee reports showed that 85 per cent of the colored people in that section own their homes, whereas only one owned a home when the first conference was held here.

Lexington, Miss. Advertiser

February 18, 1937

Negro Farm Meeting Was Largely Attended

The Annual Farmers and Housewives Conference got under way Wednesday February 10th at ten o'clock A.M. at the Saints Literary and Industrial School when Rev. G. W. Lucas led the conference in fifteen minutes of meditation. Following the devotion Mr. W. L. Jordan, local planter and business man, was presented by County Agent T. M. Williams. Mr. Jordan then related the response to the essay on "Why the Negro Fails at Farming," had not been as numerous as anticipated but had produced at least one high calibre essay. He then read the paper and awarded the prize of five dollars (\$5.00) for the best essay on said subject to M. B. Olive, a negro farmer living near Ebenezer. Mr. Jordan initiated another contest for 1937. He offered a prize of five dollars, to be awarded at the close of the year to the negro farmer who made the most improvement in his corn crop following the planting of hairy vetch. Mr. Jordan maintains his interest in the farm and is regarded by farmers as their friend.

Mr. Williams, county agent, next gave the Agricultural Outlook for the State of Mississippi and then presented some very interesting charts on the buying and spending of farmers in Holmes county for staple farm produce. These charts revealed convincing facts served as eye-openers for the group. This information cleared the path for 1937 planning. The 1937 Federal Farm Program was also discussed.

Before noon recess we had a blackboard demonstration, instruction and advice concerning Soil Erosion and the conservation of soil by a Soil Conservation Specialist, Mr. G. E. Gulley, from the local CCC camp, which was very timely, interesting and necessary.

The forenoon session closed following brief remarks by club agent and home demonstration agent, Daisy Anderson.

The afternoon session opened with Prof. G. W. Williams presiding, who presented the County Health Director, Dr. G. W. Mast, and he spoke on "Importance of Good Health and How to Maintain It." He also gave facts concerning the alarming deaths of negroes in Holmes county from tuberculosis during 1936. He gave information as to where to locate a member of the Health Department in each of the towns in the county during each week, and offered his services for better health in the county.

The County Superintendent of Education, Miss Dorothy McBee, next gave a message of much importance to the patrons. She spoke very highly of the two vocational schools for negroes at Mt. Olive and Richland and said that they were doing splendidly in their work. She gave the parents a report of what the schools in the county were doing and encouraged them to do their part in helping to beautify and make them comfortable. She spoke in complimentary terms of Saints Industrial School and its Jubilee Harmonizers. She gave every patron of the county schools a task before closing her address.

The Home Demonstration Agent, Daisy Anderson, with Home Demonstration Agent, Flora Parish, Madison county, retired to another room with the housewives and J. A. Wallace, negro county agent, Humphreys county, and discussed the Common Diseases of Livestock and answered questions. Following the questions he was persuaded to spend the next two days here to assist farmers, treating and caring for their livestock. His information proved very helpful for the group.

Negro County Agent, C. J. Johnson, Sharkey county, then took an inventory of those who kept all farm records. He showed the importance of record keeping and urged every farmer present to keep a record for 1937.

The Resolutions Committee then reported and those present were requested to copy the county goals and each farmer adopt personally the resolutions brought in. The group re-assembled and listened to remarks from President Arenia Mallory; Home Demonstration Agent Flora Parish, Jeans Teacher, Rubye Ross, and adjourned.

B. H. COOPER, Negro County Agt.

Conferences, Farmers-1937

National Federation of Colored Farmers.

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Be Scene Of Noted
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(Above) Group of leaders, farmers and business men who attended the successful convention of the National Federation of Colored Farmers at Forsyth, Ga., October 28-30. Reading from left to right (front) are O. McAllister, James "Billboard" Jackson, James P. Davis, founder of the organization and head field representative of the AAA, with headquarters in Little Rock, Ark., Leon Harris, acting president and

secretary; Rev. Richardson, chaplain of Tuskegee Institute, and C. A. Scott general manager of the Atlanta Daily World and its SNS affiliates. (Back) L. Boler, B. F. Hubert, president of Georgia State College in Savannah; C. L. Turner, Perry Blakeman, E. W. Williams, A. A. Turner and T. M. Campbell, federal agent in Department of agriculture and Tuskegee. (Lower scene) shows portion of the large delegation that attended the convention.

NEGRO FARM FEDERATION ENDS SESSION

Adopt Resolutions Pledging
Support to President
Roosevelt

FORSYTH, Ga.—(ANP) — The National Federation of Colored Farmers which closed its eighth annual session here Saturday adopted resolutions pledging support to President Roosevelt, Secretary Wallace and to the congress which will convene on Nov. 15 "in their joint efforts to devise and enact necessary

emergency legislation" to aid the milk cows, a bunch of fattening hogs for meat and market, a garden full of vegetables, and a reasonable acreage of field crops—these represent the good farmer's employer," said Leon K. Harris, acting president of the federation in his annual address. "This employer will never fire a good farmer and will always pay him a decent wage." In his recommendations, Mr. Harris requested Negro insurance companies to devise for the Negro farmer a practical insurance policy to meet his peculiar needs.

Other Speakers

Among the other speakers were E. A. Miller, assistant to the director of the AAA; James P. Davis, head field officer of the southern division; J. A. Evans, assistant extension director for Georgia; Miles Hackney of Georgia, W. Riley of Mississippi, W. H. Lawson of South Carolina, H. B. Boler of Missouri, all successful farmers; President B. F. Hubert and Prof. F. M. Staley, Georgia State college; James A. Jackson, special representative, Standard Oil company; T. M. Campbell, extension supervisor and Chaplain H. V. Richardson from Tuskegee; C. A. Scott, president, and Thomas J. Flanagan, chief editorial writer, Scott Newspaper Syn-

Harris Makes Address

Official delegations of successful Negro farmers, selected by state governors, were present from 17 states. These were supplemented by other farm groups which came

with Negro county agents or as representatives of local units of the federation. President W. M. Hubert of the State Teachers and Agricultural college, who was host to the convention, delivered the welcome address on Thursday evening. "A thousand cackling hens, a few

Third Annual Convention Attracts 350

Supervisors, Teacher
Trainers Meet At
Texas School

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Activities of the NFA included agricultural judging contests, public speaking and conferring the Superior Degree on members having done outstanding work in the field of agriculture. A well-balanced social program sponsored by the Prairie View College department of agriculture, L. A. Potts, director, and C. H. Banks, teacher-trainer, rounded out the week of activity.

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The following officers were elected to conduct affairs of the 1938 convention: E. Porter, Tennessee, president; McCoy Hunter, Virginia, first vice president; V. Clark, Texas, second vice president; Paul Counter, Oklahoma, treasurer; E. Livingston, New Jersey, reporter; and C. Cornelius King, Louisiana, C. S. Woodard and W. W. Wilkins, Arkansas; Conoly and Reynolds, Florida; A. Floyd, Alabama; and L. A. Potts, C. H. Banks, J. C. McAdams, J. N. Freeman and W. A. Flowers, Texas.

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The convention chose the Georgia State college, Savannah, Ga., as the place for the 1938 convention.

Quitman, Ga., Free-Press
September 9, 1937

Colored Youths Win In National Contest

The local boys from the colored school here have returned from the national convention of the New Farmers of America which was held at the Prairie View State College, Prairie View, Texas August 29-Sept. 1.

Hinton Lane, Lockhart Williams of the Brooks County High School won prizes for a perfect score in judging white potatoes and swine.

J. C. Croford, of Fort Valley, who represented Georgia in the national public speaking contest, and made the trip to Texas with the local contestants, won first place.

The trip out to Texas was taken over the U. S. Highway 90 which leads through many interesting places along the gulf coast at Savannah and prairies of that section. The team spent the first night at New Orleans at Dillard University.

The delegates returned home by the upper route which took them through Shreveport, La., Vicksburg, Miss., Jackson, Miss., Montgomery, Ala. They stopped by Tuskegee Institute

enroute home.

The convention was largely attended by judging teams and delegates from all states where vocational agriculture is taught in negro schools. The national convention will be held next year at the Georgia State College.

A FORT VALLEY TRIUMPH

To the Editor of The Telegraph.

The New Farmers of America, an organization for Negro boys similar to the Future Farmers of America for white boys fostered by the Federal Board of Vocational Education in Washington, D. C. holds an annual judging contest and also a national oratorical contest. In this oratorical contest contestants are held in nineteen states. Each contestant prepares a paper which is sent to Washington, D. C. to be graded by a judge appointed by the Federal Board on content and form. The paper is then returned to the contestant to be learned and delivered in state contests and then if one is successful he goes to the National contest. The papers are given 40 per cent for content and 60 per cent for delivery.

J. C. Crawford of Blakely, Early county, Georgia, a student in the 10th grade of the Fort Valley Normal and Industrial school won in all the elimination contests and then in the final National contest held in Prairie View, Texas. There were eighteen speakers in the final contest and the spectators reported that Crawford romped away from all contestants and that his victory was unquestioned.

In 1935 and 1936 Fort Valley's representative won second place in the National contest and the judge of the Federal Board in Washington said that Crawford's paper in 1935 was the first paper that received a perfect mark in English. This organization is only three years old and Fort Valley Normal and Industrial school has won every year, this year winning first place. J. C. Crawford, the winner, is our dairyman working his way.

H. A. HUNT, Principal.
Fort Valley, Ga.

Rocky Mount, N. C. Telegram
July 17, 1937

NEGRO FARM MEET ENDED AT WILSON

**Schaub, Harrelson and Others
Heard On Program—State
Organization Formed**

Wilson, July 17—Dean I. O. Schaub, director of the State Extension Service, painted a bright picture of the future of agriculture in North Carolina as Negro farmers from all over the state held their final session of a two day farm conference here Friday afternoon and organized the first Negro farm organization the state has had in five years.

S. T. Shaw, Wilson county Negro, was elected president of the state organization for the coming year while the following other officers were elected. Simpson Hart, Edgecombe, first vice president; Joe Daniels, Pitt, second vice president and John W. Mitchell, district agent, secretary and treasurer.

The meeting voted to let Secretary Mitchell appoint a state executive committee of which Dean J. C. McLaughlin of A. and T. College, Greensboro, is to act as chairman.

It was also voted to hold next year's conference in Warrenton on a date to be decided by the executive committee.

Giving a short resume of the history of agriculture in America, Dean Schaub told the gathering of around 1,000 Negro farmers that the future of agriculture in North Carolina depended upon two things which were what he called "outside and inside influences."

Dean J. W. Harrelson, of State College, also spoke and agreed with Dean Schaub on the agricultural outlook and urged the farmers to live at home.

District Agent Mitchell told the Negroes, as they adjourned their meeting that "it can easily be seen that since agriculture means so much to the nation, especially the south, that we, as a race, should not lose out opportunities in agriculture."

Other speakers in the last day's session of the meeting were C. L. Spellman, Wilson county Negro; H. W. Taylor, swine specialist; G. F. Par-

rish, poultry specialist; Professor F. M. Haig, animal husbandry specialist; R. H. Page, forestry specialist; R. E. Jones, Negro 4-H leader.

The farmers also endorsed the government's soil conservation and social security program and asked that agricultural and home economic teachers be provided for the rural high schools.

They also urged that "where practical our rural schools be consolidated and that bus transportation be provided where the schools are already consolidated."

They also asked that Negro farm and home agents be provided in the remainder of the counties in North Carolina where needed because "Negro extension work in North Carolina is no longer in the experimental stage."

Roxboro, N. C. Courier
November 18, 1937

Negro Farmers Stage Annual Event Friday

**Achievement Day Program
Presented — Freeman
Makes Talk**

The curtain has just been lowered on the third annual agricultural achievement day in Person County.

215 exhibits were arranged in the Person County Training School on Thursday, November 11 by farmers, farm women, 4-H club boys and girls and vocational agricultural students.

An achievement program was held in the school auditorium on the following day. There were more than 300 in attendance. Rev. G. W. Thomas, progressive negro farmer of the County, delivered the address of welcome, and Rev. J. Jasper Freeman, pastor New Mt. Zion Baptist Church, gave an address on the "Achievements of Negro Farmers in Person County." He also mentioned the various achievements of the negro agent, his assistants throughout the County, both adult and 4-H leaders and the negro farmers of North Carolina. He pointed out that there are 972 negro farmers in Person County.

Percy Warmack, who has done an outstanding piece of work, in purchasing and paying for a 100-acre farm after losing one of his eyes in 1933, was introduced to the audience. The applause was long and loud.

Those present said the exhibits and the program was the best achievement day event held here. \$120.00 in cash was awarded to 84 farmers, farm women, boys and girls.

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Wilson, N. C., Daily Times
July 16, 1937

NEGRO FARMERS HEAR SCHAUB AT CLOSING SESSION

CONFERENCE ENDED

Director of State Extension Service Tells Negro Farmers Outlook for Agriculture in North Carolina Good; State Forester Urges Replanting of Trees to Build Up Depleted Forests; Harrelson Stresses Live At Home Policy.

The outlook for agriculture in North Carolina is good, Dean I. O. Schaub, director of the state extension service, told the North Carolina negro farm conference this afternoon as the two-day session came to a close.

He told the 1,000 negro farmers who attended the final meeting that the future of agriculture in North Carolina depended to a large extent upon themselves and what they did in their work upon the farms and urged them to grow their own supplies on the farms and think of this first before they thought of growing rich on the money crops they might raise.

Declaring at the beginning of his talk that the future of agriculture in the state was dependent on two things, outside and inside influences, Dean Schaub said that looking at the outside influences of agriculture he could say that they looked more optimistic than ever before in the history of the country and that a new day had dawned in this regard.

Tracing the history of American agriculture from the days before the revolution to the present, Schaub explained that in those first days of the government there was little legislation passed that had to do with farming, although as individuals the legislators of that day were in-

terested in it.

"It has been less than 75 years ago, since the American people have become agriculture-minded," he said.

He pointed out that it took the depression to make the country aware of the importance of agriculture.

"You went down through the depths," he said. "Thousands lost their homes, and a great deal of their savings. They finally realized it was a problem they had to face; then came the Agriculture Adjustment Act. The conditions now are much better than they were five years ago. And the outside influences are going to continue to be better."

He pointed to erosion and the fighting of it as another problem that had to be faced to help agriculture in the country.

Pointing to the condition of the inside influence, he declared: "We're individuals and you each have individual homes and families. It is of the utmost importance that you maintain the family organization. The future of the country and state centers around the home."

He spoke of the prices that farmers look forward to for their cotton and tobacco and told them that it "doesn't make any difference what you get for your tobacco and cotton if you haven't any to sell."

He encouraged tenants to become land owners also.

He predicted that if it had not been for the blue mold and the weather this year the farmer in this section would have been ruined. "Those things," he said, "were the only things that saved you. The world already has more tobacco than it wants."

R. H. Page, extension forester, warned the farmers that the forest lands of the state were being depleted and urged them to replant each time a tree was cut down.

R. S. Jones, negro 4-H club specialist, urged the negroes to have their sons and daughters join 4-H clubs as a means to bring them up to become better farmers and housewives.

Col. J. W. Harrelson, dean of administration of State College, also declared the outlook for agriculture in the state was good and urged the negroes to adopt a "live-at-home" policy.

"There is nothing better than now of," he said, "than to own our own home on the farm and live there."

Wilson, N. C. Daily Times
July 12, 1937

NEGRO FARMERS TO MEET HERE THURSDAY A. M.

STATE WIDE MEET

Negro Farm Conference To Start Here Thursday for Two Day Session. Farmers and Wives to Come From All Over State; 1,000 Expected; First Conference In Five Years.

All details for the Negro State Farmers' Conference, which is to open at the court house in Wilson on Thursday, July 15, for a two-day session, are now complete.

The office of C. L. Spellman, county agent, is now awaiting the vanguard of the great army of farmers from all parts of the state scheduled to attend the meeting. Advance information from the Raleigh and Greensboro offices indicate that the turn-out of farmers for the conference will mark it as the largest ever held in the state.

The last State Farmers' Conference was held at A. and T. College in Greensboro five years ago, at which time there were about 700 farmers in attendance. At that same time, the state had only about two-thirds the number of negro county agents now employed. These facts indicate that the conference in Wilson will undoubtedly draw more than a thousand farm people for the two-day meeting.

The business places on East Nash street are making arrangements for receiving and welcoming the farmers to the city. On Thursday morning when the farmers arrive they will find a big welcome sign suspended across Nash street and welcome signs on the windows of most of the places of business. Official headquarters for the conference will be at the office of the county agent, C. L. Spellman, at 559 1/2 Nash street,

the men's lounge will be at the Klondyke Club rooms and the conference dining room will be in the basement of the First Baptist church at Nash and Pender streets.

Wilson, N. C., Daily Times
July 15, 1937

Negro Farmers Urged To Conserve The Soil

Farm Specialist Urges Cooperation Between Landlord and Tenant In Conservation of Soil As First State Conference of Negro Farmers In Five Years Opens Here.

Several hundred negro farmers from all over the state stood up in the court room of the court house this morning and sang "Swing High Sweet Chariot" and "Old Time Religion" as they opened their first state farm conference in five years.

The negro farmers heard several experts urge them to rebuild the soil of their farm lands and to cooperate with one another in doing this as the two-day session opened.

J. W. Mitchell, negro district agent, presided over the meeting as chairman of the conference.

S. T. Brooks, negro agent from Robeson county, led the singing as Rev. B. F. Jordan, pastor of the First Negro Baptist church, gave the invocation.

Coming from as far west as Rowan county and as far east as Pasquotank, the farmers heard Murphy Barnes, field representative of the government's soil conservation service, tell them to "keep looking ahead and work together. It is our hope that farmers will march together and win a greater victory than ever before."

He pointed out that in recent years the farmers of the country have turned to thinking about the soil and pointed to the fact that in two years there had been a 25 per cent increase in the number of farmers in the state who had signed up with the soil conservation program.

Calling Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace a "true and

real friend to the farmers of the country," Barnes urged the farmers also to keep production within the national consumption.

He urged cooperation among the farmers and urged them to become soil conserving minded.

Quoting the President, Barnes told the gathering "a nation which destroys its soil, destroys itself."

Presenting a plan for cooperation between landlord and tenant in the building up of the soil, C. R. Hudson, director of negro farm work in the state, told the gathering that "what we need is a great farming people and you can't make a great nation without them."

He proposed that the landlords buy the soil conserving seed and let the tenants plant them.

The important question, he declared, was how to get the land improved where you have tenants and renters, who have no money, and then presented the above plan.

"You're wasting labor," he warned, "when you cultivate poor land."

Declaring that "we have reached the stage in American agriculture when we have taken more out of the soil than we have put in," W. L. Adams, local county farm agent, told the gathering "we are now trying to replace in the soil in this county, for instance, what has been taken out of it during the past 100 years."

He pointed to the fact that a system of rotation and the planting of summer and winter legumes was the best way of conserving the soil.

"Up to now," he said, "the farmers have tried to make money and buy a living. The real question is for them to make a living first and think about the money afterwards."

As the meeting adjourned at

noon, J. B. Bullock, tobacco specialist, spoke to the farmers on "The Importance and Value of Proper Curing and Grading of Tobacco."

This afternoon the gathering began to set the ground work for the first North Carolina negro cow population and the care of farm organization in the past five years as committees were ap-

pointed by the various negro county agents. Twenty-four of the 28 negro farm agents in the state were present at today's session. Final organization work of the state association and election of officers for the coming year will be done tomorrow. The last meeting of the negro farmers of the state was held at A. and T. College in Greensboro.

Various committees and their chairmen formed today are as follows:

Resolutions—Joe Daniels, chairman, Pitt county; H. G. Thompson, Roberson; Rev. Posey Turner, Northampton, J. H. Wilson, Alamance; Andrew Barrows, Bertie; W. P. Williams, Craven; and Simpson Hart, Edgecombe.

Nominations—Arthur Brettlina, chairman, Hertford; Henry Shaw, Wilson; E. G. Davis, Warren; Samuel Hayes, Person; P. E. Graves, Guilford; H. L. Dixon, Edgecombe.

Program—Isaiah Owens, chairman, Anson; W. E. Torian, Orange; Francis Lawson, Craven; Henry Phillips, Caswell; Ed Cooper, Durham; S. J. Whitaker, Halifax.

Time and Place—W. G. Best, chairman, Lenoir; Percy Richardson, Nash; W. H. Slade, Martin; H. L. Taylor, Vance; C. L. Laws, Wake; T. G. Moore, Granville; Allan Taylor, Pasquotank.

Registration—A. C. Grant, chairman, Rowan; W. J. Crockett.

The farmers were urged to care for the milch cow on the farm by A. C. Kimrey, dairy specialist of State College, while several negro county agents told how they had increased the cow population of their counties.

Telling the gathering the most important economic factor of southern farming is to produce what the farmer eats and plenty of it, Kimrey declared that one of the greatest neglected foods in North Carolina, and especially in Eastern Carolina, was milk.

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years as committees were appointed by the various negro county agents. Twenty-four of the 28 negro farm agents in the state were present at today's session. Final organization work of the state association and election of officers for the coming year will be done tomorrow. The last meeting of the negro farmers of the state was held at A. and T. College in Greensboro.

Various committees and their chairmen formed today are as follows: Resolutions—Joe Daniels, chairman, Pitt county; H. G. Thompson, Roberson; Rev. Posey Turner, Northampton, J. H. Wilson, Alamance; Andrew Barrows, Bertie; W. P. Williams, Craven; and Simpson Hart, Edgecombe.

Nominations—Arthur Brettlina, chairman, Hertford; Henry Shaw, Wilson; E. G. Davis, Warren; Samuel Hayes, Person; P. E. Graves, Guilford; H. L. Dixon, Edgecombe.

Program—Isaiah Owens, chairman, Anson; W. E. Torian, Orange; Francis Lawson, Craven; Henry Phillips, Caswell; Ed Cooper, Durham; S. J. Whitaker, Halifax.

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North Carolina.

Lumberton, N. C. Robertsonian
January 29, 1937

Negro Farmers Meet Thursday

Program Arranged for Annual Meeting at Redstone School.

Annual county-wide meeting of colored farmers will be held at Redstone high school in Lumberton Thursday Feb. 1, at 1 p. m.

The following speakers will appear on the program: Miss Mary W. Huffines, county home demonstration agent; Dazelle F. Lowe, district agent, of Greensboro; C. R. Hudson, state agent, of Raleigh, speaking on "The Tenant System"; A. D. Robertson, county agent, discussing "Soil Conservation and Payment"; J. W. Mitchell, district agent, of Greensboro, speaking on "The Agricultural Outlook For 1937".

All farmers and their wives are urged to attend the meeting, state Lillian M. Debnam and S. T. Brooks, negro home and farm agents.

Rocky Mount, N. C. Telegram
February 3, 1937

300 Negro Farmers In Gathering At Wilson

Wilson, Feb. 3.—Featuring "Outlooks for 1937" on the Wilson County Negro farms a gathering of around 300 Negro farmers, farm women and 4-H club members gathered at the colored high school here yesterday for the second annual rural life conference for Negroes in Wilson county.

Bringing out the fact that corn is one of the best paying crops for the time and labor put into it that the farmers can produce in the state C. E. Hudson, of Raleigh, state agent, spoke to the gathering while Miss Mariette Meares, home agent from Craven county, spoke to the Negro women on various useful articles that could be made by the women and girls for the home.

Addressing them on the subject of "The Road to Happiness in 1937" R. E. Jones, 4-H club specialist, indicated the men for their methods of us-

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July 9, 1937

Miss Wilhelmina Laws, subject matter specialist, gave an informal discussion with the women's group on "Woman's Part of the Home Food Supply."

Wilson, N. C., Wkly. Times
June 22, 1937

NEGRO FARMERS TO HOLD MEET

Negro Farmers Of State To Hold First Farm Confer- ence Here In Five Years On July 15-16; Extension Specialists To Speak; State Negro Farm Organ- ization To Be Formed.

C. L. Spellman, negro county farm agent, announces that John W. Mitchell, district farm demonstration agent, and Dazelle Lowe, district home demonstration agent were in the city yesterday completing plans for the 1937 negro state farmers' conference that will be held in Wilson July 15 and 16.

This conference will be the first general conference of the negro farmers held during the past five years. It will bring together the farmers from all over the state as well as a wealth of subject matter and inspiration from both state and national department of agriculture specialists and leaders in rural life. One of the prime purposes of the conference, aside from its informational and inspirational aspects, will be the perfection and election of officers for a state organization of negro farmers. The local county agent will act as temporary chairman of the state organization until the permanent officers are elected. It is the proposed purpose of the organization that all permanent officers shall be actual farmers.

In general, all sessions of the

NEGRO FARMERS TO MEET SOON

McNeill Urges Negroes Of Johnston To Attend Con- ference At Wilson

Negro farmers and farmwomen of North Carolina will hold a state-wide conference in Wilson on Thursday and Friday, July 15 and 16, with speakers from Washington, D. C., scheduled to address the assemblage each day.

McKay McNeil, Johnston county negro farm agent, urges that a large delegation from this county attend the conference and on Friday he asks that those attending from Johnston carry well filled lunch baskets. On that day Johnston, Wilson and Halifax counties will furnish the lunch for the visitors which will be served in the colored First Baptist church.

The sessions of the conference will be held in the Wilson county courthouse. They will open each day at ten o'clock.

This state-wide farm organization was formed about nine years ago, but for the past five years no meeting have been held. A large attendance is desired next week.

Greensboro, N. C., News
July 12, 1937

NEGRO FARMERS PLAN INSTITUTE THIS WEEK

Colonel Harrelson and Dean Schaub Among Speakers to Be Heard In Wilson.

MITCHELL TO PRESIDE

With arrangements made for a Friday morning's program is diversified and at the same time planned as follows: H. W. Taylor specialized program, present indi-swine extension specialist, "Cheap- cations are that the Negro Farmers' er Production"; C. F. Parrish, poultry institute, a statewide gathering specialist, "Modern Methods of scheduled for next Thursday and Poultry Growing"; F. M. Haig, professor of animal husbandry. State Friday in the county courthouse college, "Our Supply of Work in Wilson, will draw a large and Stock: Feed, Care and Pasture"; R. representative attendance from all W. Graeber, forestry extension parts of North Carolina, leaders of specialist, "The Place of Forestry in the enterprise said yesterday. Farm Plans"; R. E. Jones, 4-H club

Registration will begin at 9 o'clock Thursday morning and the opening session of the institute will begin at 10 a. m. Thursday. C. L. Spellman, negro county agent, will call the assemblage to order and then present John W. Mitchell, of Greensboro, negro district farm agent, the general chairman.

Murphy Barnes, field officer of the soil conservation service, will deliver the initial address Thursday morning, his subject being "State and National Plans for Saving Our Farm Lands." At the beginning of the institute special attention will be called to the fact that two of the most widely known leaders in the field of education and agriculture in this part of the country will be heard at the closing session Friday afternoon, these being Col. John W. Harrelson, administrative dean of State college, Raleigh, and Dr. I. O. Schaub, dean of the school of agriculture of State college and director of the agricultural extension service.

W. L. Adams, county agent, will bespeak on "Our County Plans for Soil Fertility" at the Thursday morning session. L. T. Weeks, tobacco specialist, will have as his theme at the opening gathering "The Importance and Value of Proper Curing and Grading of Tobacco."

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At the Thursday night session, beginning at 8 o'clock, Miss Ruth Current, state home demonstration agent, will deliver an address on "Community Welfare Through Community Co-operation." and there will be a talk by Viola Chaplain, of the faculty of A. and T. college, whose subject has not been announced. Motion pictures then will be shown.

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The negro farmers were told to raise their stock and to increase the milk and butter product of the farms, for this is the most wholesome food of all, and milk taken regularly into the stomach will save doctors bills. We know for we have tried it. Besides the fertilizer will also help to add to the fertility of the soil and becomes an asset.

Agriculture is one of our greatest industries and sciences. Work and study will give the greatest results. Study your soil, make your living, save your money, and soon you will have a competence and be able to purchase a farm.

The government seeks to improve the condition of the farmer

and offers him the greatest advantages, more than at any other period of the history of the nation. So farmers, white and black, should take advantage of these opportunities that may never be equalled again, and thus establish them a home and become citizens in the truest sense of the word, for a man who owns his home is a better citizen for it makes him feel the responsibility that any home owner has over the man who drifts along through life and has no fixed place, no settled habits and nothing to compel him to focus his mind and strength on his job.

Wilson, N. C., Daily Times
July 17, 1937

WILSON NEGRO IS ELECTED HEAD OF STATE FARM ASSN

FARMERS CONFERENCE

**S. T. Shaw, Wilson County
Negro, Heads First Negro
State Farm Association In
Five Years; Other Offi-
cers Elected As Two Day
Meet Adjourns; Meet at
Warrenton In 1938; Urge
Consolidation of Rural
Schools; Women Meet.**

Some 1,000 negro farmers from all over the state elected S. T. Shaw, Wilson county negro farmer, president of the first state negro farm association organized in the past five years as the negro farm conference adjourned here yesterday after a two-day session.

Other officers elected to the association for the coming year were: Simpson Hart, Edgecombe, first vice president; Joe Daniel, Pitt, second vice president, and John W. Mitchell, district negro agent, secretary and treasurer.

The gathering also voted to let Secretary Mitchell appoint fifteen members of an executive committee of the state association, the chairman of which is to be Dean J. C. McLaughlin, of A. and T. College, Greensboro.

It was also decided that Warrenton would be the place to meet next year at a time to be later designated by the executive committee.

An auditing committee, composed of J. L. Talley, Person, chairman, J. B. Boyd, Warren, and J. H. Wilson, Alamance, was also appointed.

Endorsing the government's soil conservation and social security programs, the negroes also urged that "where practical our rural schools be consolidated and bus transportation be provided where there are already consolidated schools."

Because the "negro extension work is no longer in the experimental stage," the farmers voted to ask that negro farm agents and home agents be provided in the remainder of counties in North Carolina where needed.

They also asked that agriculture and home economics teachers be provided for the rural schools.

At noon yesterday the women of the conference met at the negro Baptist church with specialists from the extension bureau and discussed various phases of home life.

Miss Mary E. Thomas, food specialist of State College, discussed the various foods and the right ones to eat. She also discussed the various diseases and their prevention.

Wilhemina Laws, subject matter specialist, presided over the meeting and helped in demonstration of various canning work.

Several other speakers talked on various phases of home life on the farm.

Conferences, Farmers - 1937

Oklahoma

The Negro Farmer Wakes Up

Indications that southern Negro farmers are becoming duly and properly alarmed at the regulatory features now proposed in farm legislation developed recently during the 47th annual Negro Farmers' Conference, held at Muskogee when the following resolution was passed:

The Congress, now in session, is attempting to enact legislation which will seek to keep production of farm products more nearly in balance with foreign and domestic needs; protect the interests of the consumer by maintain some form of an ever-normal granary and provide parity payments to insure parity incomes for all agricultural producers. This conference highly endorses these objectives.

In order, however, for these objectives to be attained, certain items in the bill provide for crop control, marketing quotas and other regulatory procedures. This Conference respectfully petitions the Congress to provide such safeguards in these regulations as will prevent unfair local interpretations of the law towards those small farmers who, through lack of education or local traditions, may not be able freely to speak in their own behalf.

We notice also, since the Washington meeting there has been creeping into the columns of several of the country's weeklies a farm column dealing with the problems of rural farm life. The Black Dispatch has tentatively arranged with Mr. J. E. Taylor, federal farm demonstrator for Oklahoma to start a weekly farm column in the Black Dispatch, using material organized by Mr. Taylor and his assistants. The though comes as a direct result of the Washington meeting.

If the government is going to take an excursion in the regulation of rural life as proposed in the farm bill, farmers everywhere will have to reorient themselves to requirements of this drastic supervision and, as we said last week, the regulatory features of the new farm bill carry danger signals for Negroes.

Spartanburg, S. C., Herald

April 2, 1937

NEGRO FARMERS MEET

The annual conference of Spartanburg negro farmers will be held today at the Florence chapel school at Wellford. The program is scheduled to open at 11 a.m.

Anderson, S. C., Independent Trib
September 21, 1937

COUNCIL OF FARM WOMEN HAVE ENTHUSIASTIC DISTRICT MEETING

Saturday there was a meeting of the Piedmont District of the Council of Farm Women, held in Chester, in the auditorium of the High school, with the Chester County Council as hostesses. There were 682 members present at this meeting, with a number of visitors. Mrs. Gordon Keys, of Anderson, district director, presided, and the meeting was called to order at the appointed time, 10:30.

Dr. Williams P. Jacobs was guest speaker, using for his subject, "The Effect of Home Influence Upon the Youth of Today", in his timely and interesting talk many points were well developed, there was one sad note, however, when the speaker stated that this home influence is on the wane.

How to assist Junior Councils was brought to the council by Mrs. Harriet F. Johnson, State Girls Club leader. These Junior Councils are made up of 4-H club members. Mrs. Johnson advocated leaders from the Senior Council to direct the Juniors.

Mrs. Keys introduced M. E. Brockman, who is superintendent of the Chester schools, also president of the South Carolina Education Association. He brought greetings from this organization, and asked cooperation from the group in helping the Negro race as a means of blotting out illiteracy. He is also in favor of teacher retirement.

STATE PRESIDENT

Mrs. J. L. Williams, state president of the Farm Women's Councils gave plans for the work of the year, and Miss Lonnie Landrum, of Winthrop College, spoke of extension work.

Reports from the fifteen Council presidents gave a good account from each county.

Music added to the pleasure of the day, with Mrs. W. T. Humphries, state chairman of Music, leading the assembly singing. Arthur Cornwell, the Carolina tenor, paid tribute to the "Queen of the Home", when he sang "Mother Macchree. For an encore he sang "Trees." Miss Euna Gwyn, of Union, also contributed to the program.

At 1 o'clock the program stopped and the members had a picnic lunch. Dr. John McSweeney asked the blessing.

In the afternoon the 4-H girls of Chester gave a play, directed by Miss Johnny Richards, who is the home agent of Chester. It was not only interesting, there were helpful lessons all along the way, specially as to health.

There were fifty-six members of this council who won gold seals, which means they have completed eight years of creditable club work. These awards were made by Miss Harriet B. Layton.

The attendance trophy was won by Newberry Council, and was also awarded by Miss Layton.

An invitation was extended for the Piedmont District meeting to be held next year in Fairfield, and was accepted.

With the introduction of the home agents of the counties, which was made by Miss Neely, the motion was carried to adjourn.

Mrs. Keys expressed appreciation of the microphone used during the day, which was kindly loaned by Mr. Wright of Clemson college.

Conferences, Farmers - 1937

Tennessee

Columbia, Tenn., Daily Herald
April 23, 1937

NEGRO FARMERS OF MID-STATE TO MEET HERE

LARGEST ATTENDANCE IN
HISTORY EXPECTED FOR
SEVENTH ANNUAL FARM
INSTITUTE.

U. T. EXTENSION LEADERS TO STAGE DEMONSTRATIONS

Superintendent L. R. Neel
Will Take Those Attending
For Tour Of Farm. Women
In Separate Program.

The largest attendance of negro
farmers and farm women in his-
tory is expected at the Middle
Tennessee Experiment Station on
May 22 for the seventh annual
convention of the Negro Farmers'
Institute of Middle Tennessee, for
which a highly instructive pro-
gram has been arranged.

The meeting opens at 9 a. m.
with Max C. Smith, presiding of-
ficer, making a short talk, follow-
ed by remarks by Bessie L. Wal-
ton and W. H. Williamson, the as-
sistant state agents in negro farm
extension work, who are arrang-
ing details of the gathering.
There will then be a separate
session, with the men being taken
by L. R. Neel, superintendent of
the experiment station, for a tour
of the farm, beginning at 9:30
a. m. H. E. Hendricks, U-T agron-
omist, will explain the seeding and
value of farm crops, Dr. M. Jacob
head of the college of agriculture,
will tell about the livestock, and
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demonstration and illus-
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all be followed by five
talks from representative
farmers, those of Gilles coun-
ing on soil conservation,

Davidson on livestock,
Montgomery on the value
seed, and those of Wil-
on the value of lespe-
hile, the colored women
in their separate program
with a report on the Better
project, by counties. L. S.
Edwards, U-T specialist in dairy
manufacture, will then demon-
strate butter-making.

At 11 o'clock there will be a
dress review, followed by a song
contest.

In the afternoon joint session
Director C. E. Brehm of the U-T
division of extension, will make an
address, largely devoted to ex-
plaining the soil conservation act,
and John Goodman, Tennessee
commissioner of agriculture, will
speak briefly.

Family relations will be the
topic of Miss Elizabeth Moreland,
of the U-T community service.

M. M. Johns, assistant rural en-
gineer for the Tennessee Valley
Authority, will then talk on im-
proved home and farm water sup-
plies and the meeting will con-
clude with a demonstration in
meat cutting and curing by J. C.
Snow, swine specialist of the Uni-
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NEGRO FARMERS'

INSTITUTE MAY 22

Pulaski, Tenn., Record
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Pulaski, Tenn., Record
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Dyersburg, Tenn. Gazette
July 12, 1937

FARMERS TO HAVE STRONG PROGRAM

Unusual Features At Jackson
U-T Experiment Station
Session

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Paris, Tenn., Parisian
July 16, 1937

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A. L. Moore, Shelby county, is president of the farm section; Mrs. Calib Witt, Gibson county, is president of the homemakers' section and Miss Mildred Jacocks is secretary.

McKenzie, Tenn. Banner

July 9, 1937

WEST TENNESSEE FARMERS INSTITUTE TO BE HELD JULY 28-29

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THREE PUREBRED RAM SALES TO BE HELD IN JULY

A series of three purebred ram

sales will be held during July at which Tennessee farmers will have the opportunity to secure purebred Hampshire and Southdown rams, from the best stock in the country, to improve their breeding flocks, states C. C. Flannery, U-T Extension sheep specialist.

The first of these sales will be held at the U-T farm, Knoxville, July 7, and East Tennessee farmers are urged to take advantage of the fine offering of 37 head, 32 Hampshires and 5 Southdowns, he states. The second sale, for the West Tennessee growers, will be held in Union City, July 9; and, the third sale at Nashville, July 14, for the convenience of Middle Tennessee breeders.

The sale will be held under the auspices of the Tennessee Purebred Sheep Breeders' Association and the Agricultural Extension Service, with a four-fold purpose in view: 1—To give old breeders an opportunity to strengthen their flocks; 2—To give young breeders a chance to start into the breeding business with a purebred ram which is so essential to profitable sheep production; 3—In general, to improve the quality of what is fast becoming one of Tennessee's most profitable sources of farm income; and, 4—To encourage 4-H club boys and vocational agricultural students to start small purebred flocks, Mr. Flannery points out.

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Annual Negro Farmers Conference On August 18

The Negro farmers of Amelia and Nottoway counties will hold their annual Farmer's Conference and Picnic at Poplar Lawn Church, Wellville, a. on Wednesday, August 18, 1937. Beginning at 10 a. m. a program will be put on featuring a demonstration in marketing farm products, by Mr. J. A. Clay of the Blackstone Produce Co., who is in a position to know the demands of the market. Mr. Alexander Hudgins, editor of the Courier-Record, will discuss the Five County Fair, and other items of interest to the farmers of this section. Mr. Marvin Inge of the Planters Warehouse, Blackstone will discuss the tobacco situation and give information relating to markets and market demands. Mr. T. B. Patterson of Virginia State college will discuss livestock feeding problems and year round pastures. The afternoon will be devoted to games and recreation. Every Negro farm family is invited to attend, bring along the well filled picnic basket and spend an enjoyable and profitable day. Prizes will be given the largest family present, the oldest car, the oldest couple present the largest pair of shoes, the biggest head, and other various and sundry responsibilities.